

VALSPAR COATINGS
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Valspar Coatings, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, manufactures packaging coatings, which then protect both the products and the containers. The facility has won several awards for safety and environmental performance, including the 2000 Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. In 1999, the facility was accepted as an OSHA VPP Star member facility.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Past Accomplishments

Valspar Coatings has demonstrated its commitment to environmental performance through reduced hazardous waste and rework inventory. Since 1999, the facility has:

- **Reduced hazardous waste** by 23% through increased tracking of wastes and the creation of solutions to reduce the recorded wastes.
- **Reduced rework inventory** 80% by creating a team of members from different parts of the facility to monitor the amount of rework created and to devise solutions to reduce and avoid it.

Future Commitments

Valspar Coatings also committed to continued environmental improvement through reductions in hazardous solid waste, emissions of VOC's, waste generated and total energy use. By 2003, the facility will:

- **Reduce hazardous solid waste** 25% by using a variety of solutions such as: updating equipment, researching new procedures to implement, and avoiding unnecessary cleanups in order to minimize waste.
- **Reduce emissions of VOC's** by 25% using new water based products, with the ultimate goal of no VOC's.
- **Reduce waste generated** 50% by creating a system whereby customers can return unused

AT A GLANCE

Industry Sector:	NAICS 32551
Business:	Manufactures packaging coatings
Facility Employees:	50-99
Accomplishments:	Reduced hazardous waste Reduced rework inventory
Commitments:	Reduce hazardous solid waste Reduce emissions of VOC's Reduce waste generated Reduce total energy use
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product and also by focusing more on the products made to ensure customer satisfaction and thus reduced waste.

- **Reduce total energy use** by 10% using an outside company to help monitor and create ways to increase conservation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Valspar Coatings facility is audited annually by the local health department and also the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, the facility allows the fire department an annual tour and hosts an emergency response drill for the city of Pittsburgh. Neighboring businesses and local community members are contacted in the event of an emergency or fire drill. The facility also has a video and conducts open houses to encourage interaction with the local community. The Performance Track Annual Performance Report will be available at facility open houses.